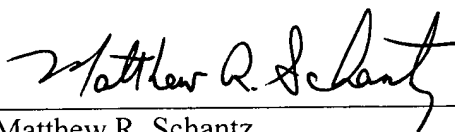


**Remarks**

Applicants request that the application be amended as shown above. It is believed that these amendments clarify the text of the original application, without adding new matter, and without narrowing the scope of the claims in any way. Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request a prompt action to that end. Should there be any questions regarding this application that could be resolved by a telephonic interview or facsimile communication, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his or her convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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